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SUBJECT: SPHINX PROJECT: DR. LEIST, SUSPECTED MVD AGENT.

1. Source reports that a Dr. LEIST (Fnu), former Russian emigre and official with the Ministerium Ost, has at present a very important post with the Soviets. He is presently a director of radio propaganda with "VAG" (Radiowestchance pri Wojennej Administracii Germanii). In the present state, this department is under the Soviet news service 'Razvedupr'. Dr. LEIST is in constant contact with Colonel DUBROWSKI of the MVD on Luisenstrasse. Dr. LEIST has been ordered to observe any evidence of a German underground movement in the Russian Sector of Berlin. Source is of the opinion that Dr. LEIST was given further assignments in the other sectors of Berlin.

2. One of Dr. LEIST's contacts is Michail Iwanowitsch SCHAPORENKO, proprietor of a Russian bookstore on 5A Regensburgerstrasse, Berlin/Wilmersdorf, (British Sector). From fairly reliable Russian emigre circles, source learned that SCHAPORENKO, an emigre from the Ukraine, was arrested by the Soviets in June 1945 but not only was soon released, but under Soviet auspices was re-established in his business and even had his store re-stocked with books. It is rumored among the Russian emigres that he is now a Soviet informant and that his store is used as a cover. Source visited the store several times and found that SCHAPORENKO keeps a card file containing the names and addresses of many Russian emigres in Berlin.

3. Another of Dr. LEIST's contacts is said to be one ARZAMAS (Fnu), the proprietor of a Russian bookstore on Passauerstrasse, Berlin/Wilmersdorf (British Sector). ARZAMAS was also arrested by the Russians in May 1945 but was soon released.

4. In addition, source states that Dr. LEIST is in contact with Dr. von MAI (Berlin RIR No. 651 of 7 January 1947).

5. Source described Dr. LEIST as follows: 1.55 m tall; 51 years old; gray hair; large nose. He is now a German citizen. One day before Christmas 1946, Dr. LEIST entered SHAPORENKO's store and source overheard him tell the proprietor that he intended to move on 30 January 1947 from his present address on 11 Livliendischestrass in the British Sector to a five room apartment in Lichtenberg in the Russian Sector.

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